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In re application of:  
Takashi Okada et al                    DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No.: 09/537,420  
Filed: January 18, 2000

For: Camera

This is a decision on the petition received June 12, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed May 30, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned August 1, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed on June 3, 2002.

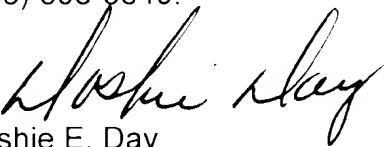
On June 12, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Part mailed May 30, 2000.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners never received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed May 30, 2000.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed with this Decision setting forth a new response period of two months from the date of the notice.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

  
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